

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The specification has been amended as identified by the Official Action and to include section headings.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 2-3 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 7 is based on the recitations of allowable claim 2.

Claims 8-9 are based on claim 2 and claims 10-12 are based on claims 2-3 and include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Allowance of claims 8-12 is therefore solicited.

Claim 1 and 4-6 were rejected as anticipated by DALL'ARGINE EP 228,351.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

In the EP patent, the whole star conveyor is located in a pressure vessel 5, in which the vacuum is created. There is no disclosure that container 2 is held in place by the vacuum. Therefore, there is no disclosure of the recited feature of the vacuum created in each indentation or recess 4 of the star wheel. There is no disclosure of the created vacuum being capable of holding the empty bottle tightly against the indentation surface.

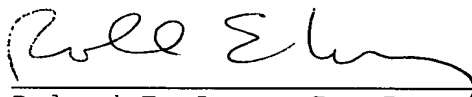
Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 4-6 are respectfully requested. Allowance of all the claims is requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephonically contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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